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SPOT COMMENTARY: Bolivia: Coup Attempt

The present coup attempt by Generals Natusch and Anez, based on military units in Santa Cruz, is by no means assured of success. The plotters--who have been actively planning for the past several weeks--hope all military units in the interior will join their rebellion and cut off vital supplies to the capital. They hope the populace and key military units in La Paz will then act to force General Garcia Meza to step down. Should they succeed, they have promised to concentrate on economic reforms, to withdraw the military from involvement in narcotics trafficking, and to return to democratic rule within two or three years. Garcia Meza reportedly is well informed on the plotter's intentions, however, and he is expected to resist. [redacted]

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